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LINES WORTH REMEMBERING.

Opportunity is rare, and a wise man will
never let it go by him.—BAYARD TAYLOR.

HEARING FROM MAINE.

YES, we have heard from Maine. But instead of the usual twenty-five or thirty thousand republican majority, we find only a scant 13,500 plurality for the republican candidate for governor and even less than that for the two republican candidates for the United States senate.

Candidate Hughes says the result proves that the republican party is reunited. How? Certainly not in the respect that the total progressive vote of 1912 and the total republican vote of the same year, which was 48,493 and 26,545, respectively, as against 51,113 for the democrats, are traveling the same political path. Practically half of the majority of the "reunited" party of which Mr. Hughes speaks has sloughed.

In the campaign of 1892, when Cleveland carried the nation, Maine yielded a republican majority in excess of 17,000. The individual who can figure out signs of a republican landslide in the 13,500 republican majority which Maine produced last Monday, is indeed some optimist.

Iron workers in Minnesota decided to strike. Then crisp weather that heralded winter halted the movement, for it is no fun to strike when the coal bin is empty.

A. Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

FOR some years local advocates of a Y. M. C. A. have hoped that a suitable building might be donated to the cause. Oklahoma City needs one, not so badly as some communities, but there are at least a thousand young men in this city who would grasp at the opportunity to join the association provided attractions at reasonable prices should be offered.

Attempts made to form a strong organization here have been unsuccessful simply for the reason of no facilities. Quarters opened for the purpose have been of limited extent, gymnasium apparatus was scant, a swimming pool was absent, no sleeping rooms were accessible at low rates and the lack of something to draw young men into the association resulted in the membership being near the minimum.

If a building should be prepared, there is no reason why the association should not become one of the most useful organizations in the state. Right now a local club is considering a lease of the large brick building on Third street adjoining the Santa Fe tracks. It is proposed to make of this property a social organization offering every pleasure that is offered by any Y. M. C. A., with athletics predominating.

If this property, idle now for reasons well known to the voters of the state, should be leased and placed at the command of the local Y. M. C. A., the institution would promptly become the most popular and useful one of its kind in the southwest.

Located near the business district, young men could have rooms in this building. An extraordinary gymnasium and track could be established and it seems to be the one chance confronting us to put new life and strength into the local Y. M. C. A., which never will thrive until it has a home of its own.

The King of Bavaria makes bold to say that no peace will be made by Germany that will not place her in a better position than she occupied before the war. Since losers are not choosers, the king is likely to find that Germany may have to be content with a crumb instead of the whole loaf.

The action of pipe lines of Oklahoma increasing their capital indicates that the oil industry is soon to witness expansion.

Optimists hate short days.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY.

IN his proclamation designating October 9 as "Fire Prevention Day," Governor Williams points out the route which eventually we will take in making every day of the year a fire prevention day.

Coming on the forty-fifth anniversary of the day that Chicago was all but wiped off the map by hungry flames, fire prevention day will recall the horrors that accompanied the waste of life and property of the big city on Lake Michigan.

One day of devotion to safety that will assure protection from fire will never bring about a condition approaching security. But this one day will serve as a reminder that constant vigil is necessary to stop the appalling loss.

Yet vigil alone will not accomplish the result desired. We must take a step further and pattern our building plans after those in use in older nations which construct, not to gain time, but to gain security.

Just across the short stretch of ocean from Key West, Fla., the city of Havana offers a lesson in fire protection which we might well follow. The buildings are roofed with tile, built of stone and cement, and consequently cannot burn. The fire loss in Havana is far below that of any American city of the same size.

Capitalists in this country have learned something about fire protection and are quick to loan money for the purpose of building office structures which are fireproof. Not so with our homes; these are put together hurriedly, are of inflammable material and offer slight protection to the lives of the occupants.

Fire prevention day urges us to adopt fire-proof construction plans. Then, and not until then, fire protection will be somewhat automatic in its operations.

A farmer near Eldorado attended the county fair accompanied by his ten sons. Such an exhibit is worth more than a single blue ribbon.

IRRIGATION AND LOCAL LAWSNS.

LAWNS of this city illustrate in a striking manner the possibilities of irrigation in Oklahoma. While no one would suggest that general irrigation is needed over the state to the extent which is in effect in the former southern deserts of California, a trip about town shows the magic that can be performed with water.

An auto tour around Oklahoma City brings before the eye many green plats of grass. Alongside of some of the velvety carpets are to be found patches that were browned under the rays of the summer sun. There should not be a brown lawn in Oklahoma City. There would not be if the owners of all lawns would accept the invitation which nature has offered.

Oklahoma is not an arid country. It is not even semi-arid, but like any state of the union, rain is absent during certain portions of the summer and vegetation begs for moisture. When the moisture is supplied vegetation responds.

Perhaps the best illustration of what irrigation has done for city lawns and country acres is to be found in southern California. A desert has been converted into an oasis through the distribution of the crystal streams which trickle forth from the mountains.

In some of the suburban places around Oklahoma City individual water developments have been made and country lawns vie with city lawns in verdure. Country gardens likewise yield while non-irrigated plats shrivel.

The civic pride which has made Oklahoma City famed as a city of beautiful homes needs just a little expansion to the end that no lawn shall be thirsty when the tender grass is battling for its life. When this liberal extension prevails, the Oklahoma capital will be a place of beauty that will rival communities which make world-wide claims.

South Carolina held a "run-off" election and former Governor Cole-Blaise was run off.

THE COUNTY EXHIBITS.

TULSA COUNTY has asked for space at the State Fair to exhibit the agricultural products of that county. The land around Tulsa is usually thought of as merely a place to erect a derrick that will be used to drill for oil, but Tulsa county has land which raises crops on the surface and produces a wealth of petroleum from the depths.

So it is all over the state. Oklahoma plays a double game of production, reaping bountiful harvests on top of the ground and great wealth from deep holes made by steel drills, from coal mines, from zinc ledges, from various ores, from building stone and great deposits of gypsum, not to mention forty other mineral products which contribute to the state's riches.

These county exhibits at the State Fair will be something of a revelation to visitors. They will indicate Oklahoma's variety of resources, mineral and agricultural, and if anyone is the least skeptical of the possibilities of the state's future, a close inspection of the county exhibits will dispel such ideas.

LUKE M. LUKB
--HIS COLUMN
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The Engaged Girl.
You're right in clever now, 'tis true,
Life is all hugs and kisses,
But things may go amiss with you
When you become a Mrs.

The Wise Fool.
"Time is money," quoted the sage,
"Maybe it is," replied the Fool. "But
it isn't so scarce."

Patients.
"To get along in this world a man
should have lots of patience," observed
the Old Man.
"I know it," replied the Young Man.
"I am a doctor."

Life.
We spend our Health
In getting Wealth,
Then spend our Wealth
In getting Health.

Paw Knows Everything.
Willie—Paw, what is the chief end of
man?
Paw—The chief end of man is to
make both ends meet, my son.

Ain't No Such Animal.
Luke McLuke says once upon a time
there was a milkman who could deliver
two quarts of milk at 3 a. m. without
making a noise like a herd of wounded
elephants fighting a China store, but
we don't believe it.

Such a Langwidge!
Of English more man oft despairs,
To pen a word he fears;
He thinks that he is writing "tears,"
But he is writing "tears."

Notice!
In the contest for chaplain of the
club, Rev. Halah Harden, Lord of
Hamstead, N. H., is leading by a few
votes.

Up Against It.
Johnny Spencer of Macon, Ga., nomi-
nated his friend, Three Fingers, of
Jackson, Tenn., for a place in the club.
But where are we gonna put him?

Betcha!
And here is some philosophy:
From Jeremiah More
A collar button in the shirt
Is worth two of the four.—E. E. M.

Is That So?
Dear Luke: A local man advertised
for a man to fill up a lot. So I wrote
him and told him to secure Luke Mc-
Luk—Louisville, Ky.

Ouch!
Will Hirt is an attorney at Erie,
Pennsylvania.

Watch Us Grow!
Cash Lawhead, clerk of the Howell
county, Mo., circuit court, has been
made a member of the legal department
of the club.

Help!
He draws a whopping salary,
Our president, they say,
That he not right, and shouldn't be,
He should get peace-work pay.—E. E. M.

Oh!
We have often heard the adage, "Physi-
cian Heal Thyself!" and most of our
medical men can do it. But what we
started to say was that A. Sickman,
M. D., is practicing medicine at Sydney,
Ohio.

Our Joe Miller Contest.
Rudy Russell says the oldest joke is
the one about the man who was mak-
ing his dog do a lot of tricks. A friend
was watching the dog and said: "How
is it that you can learn your dog all
these tricks and I can't learn my dog
any?" "Oh, that's very simple," replied
the owner of the trick dog. "You have
to know more than the dog or you can't
learn him anything!"

Luke McLuke Says:
You may be able to convince a
woman that black is white, but you
can't convince her that her dress
wouldn't fit her better if she paid twice
as much for it as she did.

A man may be so no-account that he
can't hold on to a \$10 a week job. But
that doesn't prevent him from believ-
ing that he could run the government
better than it is being done.

The meanest man we know of always
waits until his wife has a sore throat
and can't talk and then tells her what
he thinks of her.

A woman always cares most for a
man when he is beginning to care for
some other woman.

If the girl's father and mother ad-
mire the young man, the betting is 10
to 1 that she marries some other fellow.

The REPUBLICAN VIEW
Edited By The Republican State Committee

RECRUITING A FAILURE.

THE Hay army bill is proving, as is indicated by the official figures, a failure. For five months the military authorities have been making extraordinary efforts to recruit the 20,000 "emergency" soldiers authorized by that measure. These efforts have resulted in recruiting 538 men. The regular army today is actually 1756 men weaker than the authorized strength of a year ago. Under the Hay bill the authorized strength of the army will increase annually for five years, but this is merely on paper. Actually, as has been said, the army is not recruited to the point authorized before the "emergency" resolution was passed. The administration says this is all due to the war prosperity, but army officers say it is because Representative Hay and the administration have preferred to have their own way rather than take the advice of the military experts in framing the recruiting provisions.

WILSON AND MEXICO.

OTHER friends and admirers of President Wilson deplore the fact that in his speech of acceptance he, apparently inadvertently, abandons the pretense so long maintained that he seized Vera Cruz in order to compel Huerta to salute the flag, and frankly says that it was his purpose to force out of office "the unspeakable Huerta." Whatever people may think of the wisdom of an effort to force Huerta out of office, the public is not likely to enjoy learning that their president willfully, deliberately, deceived them when he went into Vera Cruz, and for months afterward, and that, when he declared in his Indianapolis speech that he would not "butt in" to Mexico nor permit anyone else to do so, he was laughing in his sleeve at the unintelligence and credulity of the people which had enabled him to fool them into believing that he went into Mexico to force a salute to the flag when he actually went in, as he now tells them, to force Huerta out.

SIDELIGHTS ON WAR MOVES

ONE of the most startling single thrusts yet made in the battle of the Somme was carried out Tuesday by the French when they broke through the German positions beyond Forest, plunged across the Peronne-Bapaume national highway into Bonchaves and planted themselves in a wood a half a mile to the east of this village before being halted.

This General Foch and his wonderful artillery and infantry have torn another wedge into the German defense. The eastern tip of the new French stroke is now almost a mile further east than Peronne. Peronne now is at the end of a deep arch of which Bonchaves is one end and the town of Clercy the middle. This deep salient, which rests on the Somme peninsula before Peronne, and Comblies, is the last defense of Peronne on the north. On both sides the whole extent of the arc is dominated by French artillery from the north and south. The position virtually is an island now and must give way, carrying Peronne with it, in a short time.

This column has mentioned so frequently the importance of the broad metal road between Bethune, Bapaume and Peronne that it is not necessary to discuss it again. In short the success is a time follow-up to the cutting of the "Rouge Peronne" railway on Sunday. A front of more than thirty miles now is dependent upon one road for all supplies. When you realize there are possibly a million men on this thirty mile front, the necessity of adequate supply lines can be appreciated.

It is hard to explain the success that has accompanied General Foch's two great plunges during the last seven days. Although the Germans should have fought their stiffest to contest every foot, in both of these drives the fighting has been over in a few hours. Tribute must be paid to the concentrated artillery and Foch's method of pulverizing his enemy before he sends the infantry over the parapets.

Although the British have been moving ahead slowly, they have not kept step with their allies to the south or they would be within sight of Bapaume today.

French progress has been steady south of the Somme, but the northern army working to put the objective in a pocket has had much greater success. The squeezing out process will be applied from the north, while the French await on the south bank, just below Peronne, to cross the barrier and join in the advance when the Germans finally let loose.

Zaimis took the position of premier of Greece under the understanding that the country would remain neutral. His resignation, along with the cabinet, which was accepted, means that the country can remain neutral no longer, hence he is giving up the berth to a war minister. It is but another step toward the complete participation of Greece on the side of the entente.—W. M. H.

But if the girl's father and mother have no use for the young man, the betting is 1 to 10 that she marries him. It always makes a common ordinary man feel good when a Model Man who has no bad habits is caught up in some emergency.

The men get all of the Hero Medals. But our idea of a Hero is a woman who is raising six children.

A whole lot of valuable time is wasted by men who are trying to explain something that they know nothing about.

Talking about woman's inconsistency, a man who will blow in \$3 for drinks and cigars while he is indignating about the Doggone Trusts and the Porch Climbing Capitalists being responsible for the High Cost of Living.

You don't have to get in bad by saying that the baby is ugly. Be a diplomat and say that it is the perfect image of his father.

A woman is simply bound to have her family worries. If she hasn't any children to bother her, the goldfish are sure to get indigestion or the fern is sure to curl up and get yellow.

A woman can get thinner worrying over how thin she is. But she never gets any thinner worrying over how fat she is.

When a whole line of newly-washed clothes blows down in the mud on Monday morning, a woman forgets all that she learned at church on Sunday morning.

RIPPLING RHYMES
By Walt Mason
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SUCH IS LIFE.

IN every burg there is a guy who fills himself with gin or rye, who makes cold bottles die the death, who seldom draws a sober breath. Sometimes he practices the law, or, as a surgeon, wields the saw, or, as Ye Editor, he may produce hot piffle every day. But 'twill be said by many gents, "Though he looks now like twenty cents, he has a Daniel Webster head, and if he wouldn't paint things red, there are no heights he couldn't reach, for intellect he is a peach. He would astonish all the land, if his expensive thirst was canned." Such legends always hang around the chronic soak, wherever he's found. Once in a while the sot reforms, and with soft drinks his stomach warms, and people say, "Just watch him rise, and write his name across the skies!" Alas, the prodigy falls down, and fails to harvest high renown. He spends the balance of his days discoursing of his former ways, and telling how by strength of will he broke loose from the old gummil, until the people, sad and sore, denounce him as the champion bore.

OLD STORIES
IN NEW TYPE
From THE TIMES FILES

Twenty Years Ago.

Sam Stinson, Merrie Richardson and Mr. Stribling left today for an overland trip to New Mexico.

Miss Byrd Walker returned today from Perry, where she has been visiting for a couple of months.

Mort L. Bixler of Norman is in the city today.

H. N. Leonard of Guthrie is visiting friends in the city today.

Mrs. Harry Gerson returned today from Lawrence, Kan., where she has been visiting.

Fifteen Years Ago.

The whole nation mourns the death of President McKinley, who passed away this morning at 2:15 o'clock.

A syndicate, composed of Colcord, Galbraith and Shelley, Frank Harrah, T. F. McMeekin, and others, today purchased the sixty-four acres lying just west of Main street addition for the purpose of opening another addition to Oklahoma City. The property was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. William Clegg and the consideration was \$16,000.

Mrs. B. and Mrs. Van Winkle entertained this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Howe of San Antonio. Refreshments were served by the Misses Van Winkle, Lincoln and Laird.

Judge J. L. Brown returned today from Chandler.

Ten Years Ago.

The close of the first week of school shows a marked increase over last year. The enrollment of the first day last year was 3,081 and this year it was 4,052.

Miss Grace Johnson of Ovid, Mich., arrived in the city today to take charge of the fifth grade in the Emerson school.

Ray Bacon, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Topeka, is in the city today greeting old friends.

Alf Page, a former resident of Oklahoma City and a familiar figure in baseball circles in years past, returned today and will spend the winter here.

Miss June Topping left today for Baldwin, Kan., where she will enter Baker University.

HISTORY BITS

One Hundred Years Ago Today.

1816—James Rushmore Wood, eminent medical scientist and one of the founders of Bellevue hospital, born at Mamaroneck, N. Y. Died in New York, City May 4, 1882.

Seventy-five Years Ago Today.
1841—Rt. Rev. Samuel Smith Harris, second Episcopal bishop of Michigan, born in Alabama. Died in London, England, August 21, 1888.

Fifty Years Ago Today.
1860—Earthquake felt in Tours, France, and the vicinity.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today.
1891—A British force landed on the Turkish island of Mitylene, causing much excitement throughout Europe.

One Year Ago Today in the War.
Sept. 14, 1915—Russian offensive along Sereth forced Russians across Strypa.

Our Daily Birthday Party.

Lord Robert Cecil, who holds the important post of minister of war trade in the British government, born 52 years ago today.

Austin B. Garretson, national head of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors and leader in the recent fight for the eight-hour day, born at Winter-stown, Iowa, 60 years ago today.

Charles Dana Gibson, celebrated artist, illustrator and author, born at Roxbury, Mass., 49 years ago today.

A little girl who had been instructed not to talk in church because it was very rude, was very, very thoughtful after the service, and when questioned she said in a horrified voice:

"Oh, mamma! I think it was just awful for our minister to show off so rudely in church—he talked all the time."

MUTT AND JEFF—The "C" Should Be Hard As In the Word "Fish"

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